

**Meeting Minutes**  
**CJCC Subcommittee**  
***Empowering Reentry & Reducing Recidivism***  
**Jury Room B, Law & Justice Center**  
**March 3, 2010**

**Present:** Zade Boylan  
Connie Campbell  
Jim Cashell  
Matthew Cyr  
Michael Dunham  
Steve Ette  
Don Hargrove  
Dennis Houska  
Shelly Johnson  
Marty Lambert  
Scott Malloy  
Jack Pollari  
Ray Ross  
Randy VanOsdol  
David Young

**Guest:** Jason Miller, Montana Coalition for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention

**Meeting Minutes:**

Co-Chair Marty Lambert called the meeting to order at 1:10pm and asked those attending to introduce themselves and tell who they represented. Marty distributed the agenda and asked for any changes or additions. No additions to the agenda were made. Marty asked if there were any additions/corrections to the minutes of the February 3<sup>rd</sup> subcommittee meeting. Dave Young noted that two corrections had been made and a revised set of minutes had been e-mailed to subcommittee members. Dave distributed some copies of the revised minutes. Hearing no additions or corrections to the Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes, a motion was made by Jim Cashell to accept the minutes as revised and the motion was seconded by Shelly Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Marty moved to item D.1. on the agenda and asked Randy and Jack to provide updates on potential presentations at the next CJCC meetings. Randy introduced Jason Miller, lobbyist for the Montana Coalition for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention. Jason provided a one page fact sheet on the initiative with five questions and answers (see attached). He said that the initiative is being reviewed by the Department of Justice and will be available soon for signatures. As a ballot issue, signatures must be obtained from 5 percent of the total number of qualified voters in MT, including 5 percent of the voters in each of 34 legislative house districts – about 25,000 signatures total. Jason shared that this initiative is a pet project of Mike McGrath, Chief Justice of the MT Supreme

Court. Funding for the initiative will not involve any new taxes but establishes a special state revenue account for 14 percent of the current taxes and fees paid on alcohol consumption rather than going to the general fund. Jason said he looks forward to attending the CJCC meeting on April 7 and that the coalition hopes to have a website up and running soon. Dave suggested that they include a 'donation' link somewhere on the website to receive contributions.

Next, Randy gave a brief update on the Rapid City Offender Re-Entry Initiative. He said that his contacts with Barbara Garcia, Community Development Manager for the City of Rapid City have been productive and that she and the Rapid City Police Chief would be willing to travel to Bozeman to provide information about their reentry program. Randy pointed out that SD and MT have demographic similarities with respect to few population centers and scattered rural towns. Randy said that Barbara Garcia is in the process of e-mailing him a one-page description of the Rapid City ReEntry Program and he will forward that on to the subcommittee (see attached). Marty suggested that during their stay in Bozeman they should meet with the County Commissioners. Marty also said that we need something in writing from them to firm up the invitation and what the expectations are from both parties. Randy estimated costs in the neighborhood of about \$650. Dennis asked about how the costs would be covered. Randy suggested passing the hat among the subcommittee. Marty shared that his office might be able to help out some. Randy shared that the Rapid City project has listed 30 service organizations working with them. Connie asked if such a list would be available to the subcommittee. Randy said that he would forward the materials once they arrived (see attached).

Next, Jack reported on his attendance at the Law and Justice Interim Committee meeting in Helena, February 8-9, 2010, that focused on DUIs in Montana. In summary, Jack said that what MT is doing is not working and the general public is upset about seeing so many repeat offenders. Presentations covered the economic costs of alcohol abuse in MT and how best to revise DUI laws in MT. Jack said that Billings has an effective DUI court run by Judge Jane Kniesely that seems similar in operation to Bozeman's Treatment court. Jack shared that it may be advantageous for our subcommittee to have some discussions with Judge Kniesely regarding their Adult Misdemeanor DUI Court. More about the Law and Justice Interim Committee can be found at: [http://leg.mt.gov/css/Committees/interim/2009\\_2010/Law\\_and\\_Justice/default.asp](http://leg.mt.gov/css/Committees/interim/2009_2010/Law_and_Justice/default.asp)

In summary of Randy and Jack's reports, Marty said that Jason Miller will be reporting at the April CJCC Meeting and that the Rapid City representatives will be attending the May CJCC meeting.

Next on the agenda was D.2. and Marty asked Dave to provide any information updates to the group. Dave said that he has been working on finding out what offender risk/needs assessments that the MT DOC is using so that our data collection will coincide with theirs. Recent information indicates that MT DOC is evaluating several risk/needs assessments – two of which are:

The Correctional Assessment and Intervention System (CAIS) of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) <http://www.nccd-crc.org/nccd/initiatives/cais-jais.html>

The Ohio Risk Assessment System - <http://www.uc.edu/ccjr/Reports/>

ProjectReports/ORAS\_Final\_Report.pdf

Dave inquired about the time frame for DOC to make a selection and was told that it would be a while because the selection process involves putting it out for bid. Dave also shared with the subcommittee that the theme of the December 2009 issue of '*Corrections Today*', the official monthly publication of the American Correctional Association (ACA), focused entirely on reentry.

Next, Marty moved to item D.3. on the agenda and asked Shelly for an update. Shelly said that her concern was having a mental health rep on the subcommittee and that issue has been solved with the addition of Scott Malloy. Scott mentioned that it might be advantageous to have some representation from the Greater Gallatin Homeless Action Coalition. Dave asked for a contact person and Scott said that he would follow up with an e-mail contact. Jack mentioned that he is still working on getting a representative from the hospital to serve on the subcommittee. Dave reported that Capt Sylvan Young of the Salvation Army has agreed to serve on the subcommittee but was not able to make the current meeting.

Marty asked for reports for Working Groups with the following responses:

**Mission and Goals** - Dave reported that the group had meet and drafted a set of eight main goals for consideration. He distributed copies along with the subcommittee membership list and asked members to check the information on the list of members for accuracy and their passion and the goal number they would like to work on in the columns on the right hand side. Dave said that the real work will be developing objectives under each goal that will lead to the accomplishment of the goals.

**Definition of Recidivism** - Marty mentioned that the definition of recidivism had been attached to the document distributed earlier to the CJCC. Don Hargrove asked if the subcommittee could revisit the definition because he still has some concerns regarding several aspects of the wording and the time frame of three years. He asked if there is always a sanction involved in recidivism? Marty shared that the definition was a melding of several definitions of recidivism. Jim Cashell shared that any thing more than three years is difficult to track. After discussion, Marty asked Don to draft a revised definition for reconsideration by the subcommittee.

**Data Collection** - Connie shared that there are huge challenges in gathering data. She has found that: (a) there is a failure of communication; (b) people are collecting different data; and, (c) the data that is collected doesn't fit. Shelly shared that she collects lots of data on 800 - 900 of the people she works with. Jim Cashell said that the data gathered by the Detention Center involves taking snapshots at different periods. The question was raised about whether data on the level of blood alcohol really mattered – the answer was yes. It was recommended that Connie contact the statistician in the DOC and also Jim Lynch in the State Highway Traffic Safety Bureau in the Department of Transportation regarding what data is currently being gathered. Randy shared that we know from preliminary discussions with the folks from Rapid City that they had to overcome restrictions and barriers in gathering data working with their state DOC. We will know more about how they handled these thorny issues after their visit. Don Hargrove shared that the MT DOC collects lots of data, especially on outcomes of programs run in the prison. For instance, MSP has

the only in-patient sex offender treatment program in the state and those completing the program have a 3 percent recidivism rate.

**Why Recidivism** - No report. Stacy Pace had another commitment at the same time of the subcommittee meeting.

**Existing Programs/Community Resources** - Randy explained how the two Work Groups with overlap were combined into one Work Group. He said that much of the Work Group report had already been covered with information about investigating the Rapid City Reentry Program. Jack shared that the Bozeman School District was willing to share their Community Resources list with the subcommittee and has given us permission to modify it as needed, provided we give appropriate attribution for the original list. It was mentioned that the telephone number '211' provides great information about local resources. Randy said he would look into what '211' provided. Marty reiterated that whatever resource materials we decide on, it is important to make the document available to judges.

Next, Marty addressed item F on the agenda saying that we should have a report from the subcommittee to the CJCC prior to their annual retreat, most likely to occur in September 2010. Dave said that plans are underway to have the report completed by August 31, 2010.

Marty asked if there were any additional items that the subcommittee needed to address at this time. Dave said that he would draft a list of the eight objectives with subcommittee members names underneath each one. From each list, a chair will need to be selected to call meetings and keep a record of outcomes and a list of proposed objectives designed to achieve the goal (**see addendum to minutes below**). Dave also mentioned that Roxanne encourages all Work Groups to keep on meeting during the month.

The next subcommittee meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 7, 2010**.

**ADDENDUM:** (NOTE - the following ABSENT subcommittee members have yet to sign up under the objectives of their choosing - Brian Gootkin, Roxanne Klingensmith, Stacey Pace and Capt Sylvan Young.

### **Goal #**

**Community Partners** - To establish a collaborative network of community-based partners interested in empowering reentry and reducing recidivism.

Scott Malloy

Ray Ross

**Data Gathering** - To establish a productive working relationship with the Montana Department of Corrections (MT DOC) to receive background information on offenders residing in

Gallatin County.

Connie Campbell

Jim Cashell

Shelly Johnson

**Educational and Vocational Programs** - To establish a series of educational and vocational programs, seminars, and studies to meet the needs and improve the knowledge, skills and abilities of interested inmates and thereby enhance their chances for successful reentry.

Zade Boylan

Matthew Cyr

Michael Dunham

Dennis Houska

Shelly Johnson

Ray Ross

Dave Young

**Risk/Needs Assessment Instrument** - To investigate, identify and use a proven risk/needs assessment instrument that is consistent with that used by the MT DOC for working with offenders in Gallatin County.

Marty Lambert

Jack Pollari

Dave Young

**Evidence-Based Best Practices** - To investigate, evaluate and identify several evidence-based best-practices that could be replicable in Gallatin County.

Shelly Johnson

Jack Pollari

Randy VanOsdol

**Discharge Plan Document** - To develop a 'Discharge Plan' to assist inmates with reentry into the community based on their physical, relational, social, familial, emotional, mental, spiritual, educational and financial needs.

Shelly Johnson

Scott Malloy

Jack Pallori

Dave Young

**Strategic Plan** - To develop and finalize a 'Strategic Plan' with recommendations to present to the CJCC prior to their 2010 annual retreat.

Zade Boylan

Matthew Cyr

Michael Dunham

Dennis Houska

Marty Lambert

Dave Young

**Evaluation and Outcomes** - To develop and employ a quality survey instrument that will measure recidivism rates and outcomes to determine if and when the Reducing Recidivism Project has accomplished its mission.

Connie Campbell

Jim Cashell